Statement

List of N.G.Os who who have been provided financial assistance during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98.

1995-96		Rs.
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1.	Indian Association for Adolescent Health, New Delhi.	30,000/-
2.	Society for the Promotion of Youth & Masses. (SPYM), New Delhi.	8,12,000/-
3.	Kuki Cultural Research Institute, Manipur.	35,000/-
4.	AIDS Prevention Society, Guwahati.	2,56,520/-
5.	Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences, Delhi.	50,000/-
6.	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, New Delhi.	18,84,000/-
1996-97		
1.	Drishtikon, New Delhi.	42,000/-
2.	Youth Technical Training Society, Chandigarh.	1,50,000/-
3.	Rural Community Development Services, Manipur.	1,25,000/-
4.	AIDS Prevention Society, Guwahati, Assam.	1,75,000/-
5.	Rural Women Upliftment Association, Guwahati.	50,000/-
6.	DISHA, New Delhi.	5,00,000/-
7.	Good Shephard Ministry, Kohima, Nagaland.	1,00,000/-
8.	Indian Council of Social Marketting. New Delhi.	6,25,000/-
9.	Jan Shakti Vahini, New Delhi.	2,00,000/-
10.	AIDS Prevention Society, Guwahati.	84,950/-
11.	South Eastern Rural Development Organisation, Manipur.	1,00,000/-
12.	Rural Development Society, Manipur.	1,00,000/-
13.	Indian Medical Association, New Delhi.	1,00,000/-
14.	Sakshi, New Delhi.	50,000/-
15.	Scientific Illustration and Educational Technology, New Delhi.	1,50,000/-
16.	Indian Medical Association, New Delhi.	3,75,000/-
17.	First Indian Public Health Congress, Calcutta.	50,000/-
18.	TORCH, New Delhi.	1,75,000/-
19.	Health for All Organisation, Manipur.	75,000/-
20.	Indo-National Socio Economic Foundation, Bhubaneswar.	2,50,000/-
21.	Programme Ethetical Academic and Cultural Enterprises,	1,20,000/-
22.	Mirage Art Gallery, New Delhi.	5,62,500/-
23.	Jan Shakti Vahini, New Delhi.	34,700/-
1997-98		
1.	Baruka, Calcutta.	10,92,332/-
2.	Indian Network of N.G.Os, Ahmedabad.	50,000/-
3.	Programme for Ethical Academic and Cultural Enterprises, Saharanpur.	30,000/-
4.	Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh Catholic Health Association, New Delhi.	30,000/-
5.	Rural Development Society, Manipur.	1,00,000/-
6.	Inner Wheel Club, Delhi Ridge.	15,000/-
7.	TORCH, New Delhi.	1,40,000/-
8.	Jan Shakti Vahini, New Delhi.	5,000/-
9.	-do-	2,40,000/-
10.	Mirage Art Gallery of Arts, New Delhi.	1,87,500/-
11.	-do-	1,87,500/-

[English]

Computers in Government Offices

2311. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Committee under the Chairmanship of Telecommunication Secretary has recommended use of Computers in all Government offices;

(b) if so, whether the panel has also recommended that a time-bound programme may be chalked out to make the State's functioning responsive to the citizen;

(c) if so, the details of other recommendations made; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to implement the said recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY

OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SH. S.R BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (d) An Expert Group for Computerisation of the Information on Personnel and Citizen Services was set up under the Chairmanship of Shri N. Vittal, Chairman, Public Enterprises Selection Board (former Secretary, Department of Telecommunications) on 26th December, 1996. The recommendations of the Group include the following:

i) The Ministries may have a five year plan for Information Technology and a specific provision should be made in the budget of the Ministries for computerisation so that there is a clear goal and the resources to achieve it are available.

ii) In order to increase the awareness of the need for IT effectively, in every department there have to be wide ranging workshops and seminars involving all levels of administration from the highest to the lowest preferably in the model of vertical integration courses in IAS.

iii) In order to spread the IT culture, restrictions regarding the level at which the computers can be permitted should be removed. Computers should be available to any government servant who is interested in IT. They should also be permitted to install computers in their homes, if necessary.

iv) Secretaries of Ministries must identify suitable persons with an aptitude for computers who can perform the role of leaders and mentors in spreading the culture of IT not only in the Ministry but also in subordinate organisations.

v) The State Governments also need to be encouraged to increase the use of IT as without computerisation in the States this technology cannot be used to improve the delivery of services and improve the responsiveness of administration.

vi) Each Ministry/Department must allocate 2 to 3% of its Budget for spending on IT so that there is an increase in the availability of funds for training in IT and acquisition of hardware, software as well as for the development of software and maintenance.

2. A Conference of Chief Ministers of States/Union Territories was held under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister in New Delhi on 24.5.97 to discuss an Action Plan for Effective and Responsive Government. One of the issues discussed at the Conference related to access of the public to information from public offices. The Statement adopted at the Conference declares that the on-going efforts for systematic and phased computerisation of governmental operations would be speeded up with the help of the National Informatics Centre.

3. A Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary to elaborate different elements of the Action Plan in terms of operational contents, and to work out the decisions required at the Central and State levels.

4. In order to operationalise the Conference Statement relating to the computerisation of governmental operations at Central, State and district levels, and to assist the Implementation Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary, a Core Group has been constituted on 2nd July, 1997 under the Chairmanship of Shri N. Vittal, Chairman, Public Enterprises Selection Board. The terms of reference of this Group include implementation of the recommendations made by the Expert Group which was constituted earlier on 26.12.96.

Kalapani Issue

2312. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks with Nepal have been initiated for resolving matters relating to Kalapani in Himalayan region; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a) and (b) 1. During the visit of the Prime Minister to Nepal from 5th to 7th June, 1997, it was decided that the expert-level Joint Working Group (JWG) constituted by the Joint Technical Level Boundary Committee should meet within a month to examine relevant facts relating to the demarcation of the boundary alignment in the western sector, including the Kalapani area, and to propose, if necessary, further measures in this regard.

2. In accordance with the decision taken during Prime Minister's visit, the JWG met in Kathmandu in the first week of July, 1997. The two sides had a useful initial exchange of views on the demarcation of the boundary alignment in the western sector, including the Kalapani area. It was agreed to continue the dialogue.